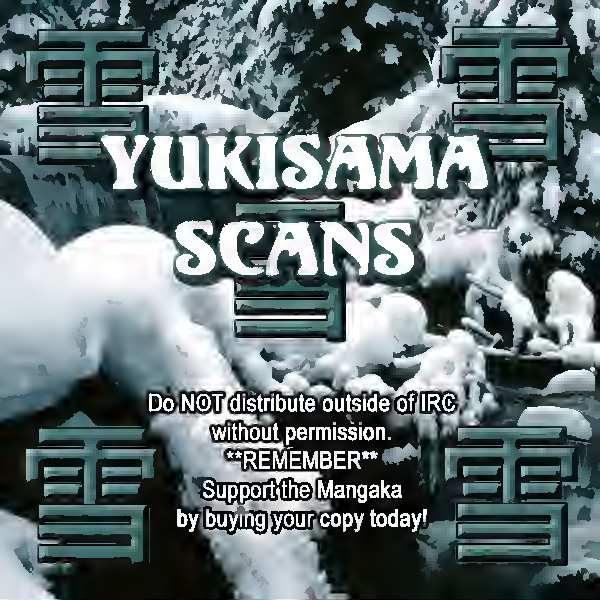
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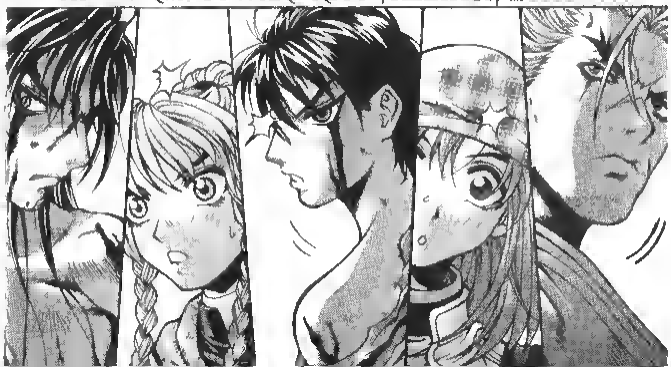

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THRUST BACK INTO THE WORLD OF THE LIVING THE VAMPIRE DESHWITAT IS ON A QUEST FOR BLOODY VENGEANCE AGAINST THE FRIEND WHO BETRAYED HIM NEARLY FOUR CENTURIES EARLIER. AIDED BY AN UNLIKELY TEAM OF ALLIES DESHWITAT JOURNEYS FIRST TO THE FAR EAST AND THEN TO THE VATICAN IN HIS SEARCH FOR A MEANS TO DESTROY THE TREACHEROUS KALUTIKA.

WHEN A MYSTERIOUS CHURCH ENVOY APPROACHES THE VAMPIRE WITH AN OFFER TO INSTRUCT HIM IN THE POWER OF LIGHT DESHWITAT IGNORES HIS INSTINCTS ENTERING A CATHEDRAL IN THE HEART OF VATICAN CITY BUT IT IS A TRAP LAID BY THE INSANE RELIGIOUS ZEALOT BISHOP BERNARD WHO BELIEVES THAT ARMAGEDDON IS THE WILL OF GOD. AND AS THE PROPHESIZED SAVIOR OF THE WORLD DESHWITAT MUST DIE. NOW IN A VALIANT RESCUE ATTEMPT RETT MILLENEAR, BERYUN AND REMI BATTLE THROUGH THE CATHEDRAL HALLS AS DESHWITAT FIGHTS WITH THE SAVAGERY OF A CORNERED ANIMAL FOR HIS NEWLY REGAINED LIFE

CHAPTER 17: BERNARD'S TRAP

RIGHT NOW I'VE NO TIME FOR YOUR PRATTLING.
THERE'S A PLACE I NEED YOU TO TAKE ME.
THE HEART OF THIS DAMN SEAL...
.. TAKE ME THERE.
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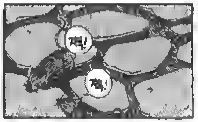
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THIS IS THE CATHEDRAL'S ARCHIVE...?!

PHEW--IT SMELLS LIKE SOMETHIN' DIED DOWN HERE
PHEW PHEW

SEE ANYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BE THE SEAL'S CATALYST ?
HOW WOULD I KNOW? IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE BEEN DOWN HERE BEFORE

WHO'S THERE?
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WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE HERE?

DAMN!! HERE WE GO AGAIN!
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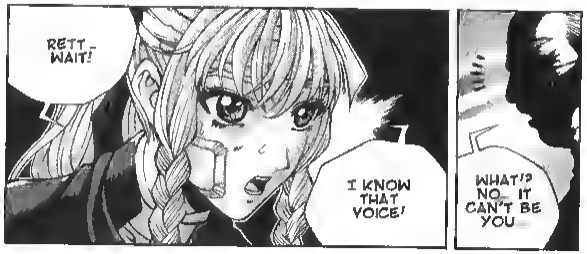
I SENSE THAT TWO OF YOU ARE HUMAN.. BUT TWO ARE NOT
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BRING CREATURES SUCH AS YOU SO DEEP WITHIN THE CHURCH?


RETT.. WAIT!
I KNOW THAT VOICE!
WHAT!? NO.. IT CAN'T BE YOU..

MILLENEAR..? MILLENEAR?!

FATHER WILLIAMS!!
MILLENEAR! IT IS YOU!!
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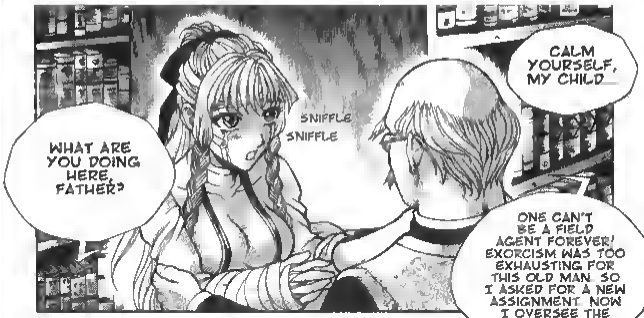

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, FATHER?
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
CALM YOURSELF, MY CHILD...
ONE CAN'T BE A FIELD AGENT FOREVER! EXORCISM WAS TOO EXHAUSTING FOR THIS OLD MAN. SO I ASKED FOR A NEW ASSIGNMENT. NOW I OVERSEE THE ARCHIVES

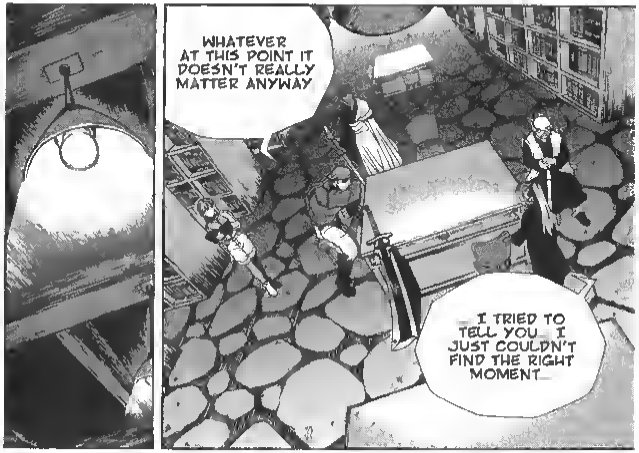
SO... I GUESS SHE KNOWS HIM?
HMM, HUGS AND TEARS, YA' THINK?

MY DEAR, YOU'VE BEEN WOUNDED --
WAIT -- DID THEY REPEAL YOUR EXCOMMUNICATION?

EXCOMMUNI-CATION?

UMMM.

EVERYONE, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE FATHER WILLIAMS. HE'S A DEAR FRIEND
BERYUN, REMI... PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES. I DIDN'T MEAN TO HIDE THE FACT...
..THAT I'M NO LONGER AN EXORCIST.
SOMETHING HAPPENED AND I WAS EXCOMMUNICATED THREE YEARS AGO

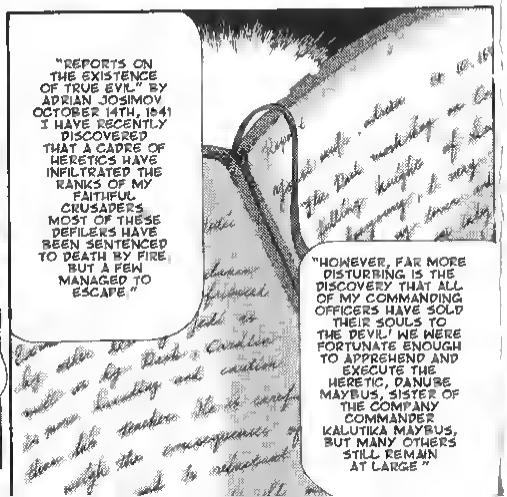

WHATEVER AT THIS POINT IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER ANYWAY
...I TRIED TO TELL YOU... I JUST COULDN'T FIND THE RIGHT MOMENT...

YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR.
ACTUALLY, I THINK IT'S KINDA COOL. LIKE YOU'RE A RENEGADE!

THANK YOU REMI

NO PROBLEM —BUT, HEY, LOOK AT WHAT I FOUND!
WHAT IS IT?

IT'S .. IT'S ABOUT DESHWITAT.
REALLY? LET ME SEE.


"REPORTS ON THE EXISTENCE OF TRUE EVIL" BY ADRIAN JOSIMOV OCTOBER 14TH, 1941 I HAVE RECENTLY DISCOVERED THAT A CADRE OF HERETICS HAVE INFILTRATED THE RANKS OF MY FAITHFUL CRUSADERS. MOST OF THESE DEFILERS HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH BY FIRE, BUT A FEW MANAGED TO ESCAPE."
"HOWEVER, FAR MORE DISTURBING IS THE DISCOVERY THAT ALL OF MY COMMANDING OFFICERS HAVE SOLD THEIR SOULS TO THE DEVIL! WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO APPREHEND AND EXECUTE THE HERETIC, DANUBE MAYBUS, SISTER OF THE COMPANY COMMANDER KALUTIKA MAYBUS, BUT MANY OTHERS STILL REMAIN AT LARGE."

BUT HOW'S THIS POSSIBLE ? ISN'T KALUTIKA THE ONE..
.....

!!!
YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT, KID

KEEP READING, MILLENEAR
THAT BASTARD JOSIMOV ALWAYS KNEW HOW TO PILE ON THE BULLSHIT

"AS YET UNACCOUNTED FOR ARE FOUR FUGITIVES KALUTIKA MAYBUS, DESHWITAT L LUDBICH, RETT BUTLER, AND LILITH SERVINO DURING THEIR ESCAPE, LUDBICH AND BUTLER REVEALED THEIR TRUE DEMONIC VISAGES WHILST MY HOLY SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS GAVE CHASE."
"THIS UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT IS A STARK REMINDER OF SATAN'S LASCIVIOUS POWER, WHICH WE MUST BE FOREVER VIGILANT AGAINST."
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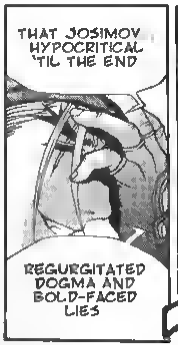
THAT JOSIMOV HYPOCRITICAL 'TIL THE END
REGURGITATED DOGMA AND BOLD-FACED LIES

LOOK, HIS ARTIST'S RENDERING! MY 'DEMONIC VISAGE' REVEALED AS I FLED HUNG LIKE A BULL. LITERALLY.
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HOLD ON, THERE'S GOTTA BE A PORTRAIT OF DESH IN HERE TOO
OH, BEAUTIFUL!
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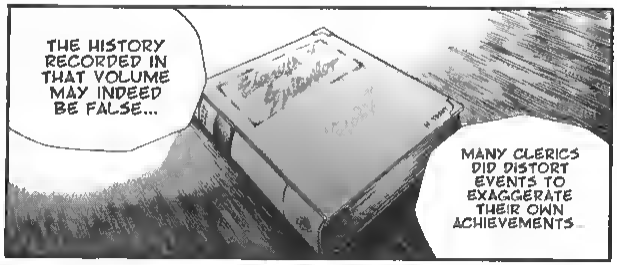
"THE TRUE VISAGE OF THE VAMPIRE DESHNITAT." SUITABLE FOR FRAMING, DON'T 'YA THINK?

WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES THIS MEAN?

WHAT DO YOU THINK? DON'T YOU HAVE FAITH IN THE SACRED WRITINGS OF GOD'S SERVANT?
IT'S ALL RIGHT HERE I'M A HERETIC, A TRAITOR, PRACTICALLY THE DEVIL HIMSELF
NOW, I CAN UNDERSTAND THE DEVIL PART, I MEAN, HOW ELSE COULD I HAVE LIVED FOR ALMOST 400 YEARS?

...RETT...

SUCH DARK TIMES...
FATHER?
DISGRACEFUL DAYS IN THE HISTORY OF OUR FAITH.
THE DARK AGES.
UNDER THE PRETENCE OF WITCH-HUNTS AND HERETICAL TRIALS, WE TORTURED SO MANY INNOCENTS...
ANTIQUITIES AND RELICS WERE ARBITRARILY LABELED SATANIC AND DESTROYED. IT WAS A SHAMEFUL TIME FOR THE CHURCH.
THOSE WHO HAD BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH PERFORMING GOD'S WORK WERE BLINDED BY POWER. POWER THEY ABUSED TERRIBLY.


THE HISTORY RECORDED IN THAT VOLUME MAY INDEED BE FALSE...
MANY CLERICS DID DISTORT EVENTS TO EXAGGERATE THEIR OWN ACHIEVEMENTS.

HOW... HOW COULD THEY...?
HOLD ON FOR A MOMENT, MILLENEAR. IF YOU'RE LUCKY YOU MAY BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND
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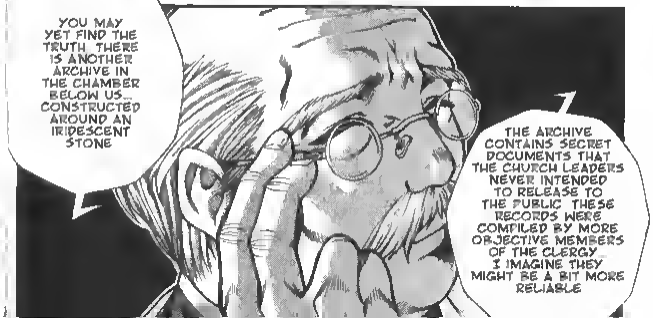
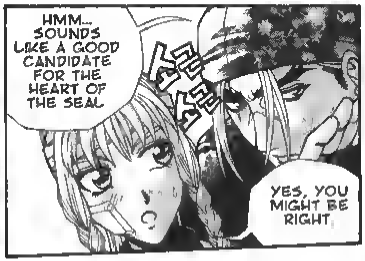

YOU MAY YET FIND THE TRUTH. THERE IS ANOTHER ARCHIVE IN THE CHAMBER BELOW US... CONSTRUCTED AROUND AN IRIDESCENT STONE.
THE ARCHIVE CONTAINS SECRET DOCUMENTS THAT THE CHURCH LEADERS NEVER INTENDED TO RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC. THESE RECORDS WERE COMPILED BY MORE OBJECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY. I IMAGINE THEY MIGHT BE A BIT MORE RELIABLE.

IRIDESCENT STONE!?

IT IS UNCLEAR WHY, BUT THE STONE EMITS A STRANGE LIGHT


HMM... SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR THE HEART OF THE SEAL
YES, YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT

UMM... FATHER WILLIAMS, I HATE TO ASK, BUT
WE DESPERATELY NEED YOU TO TAKE US THERE

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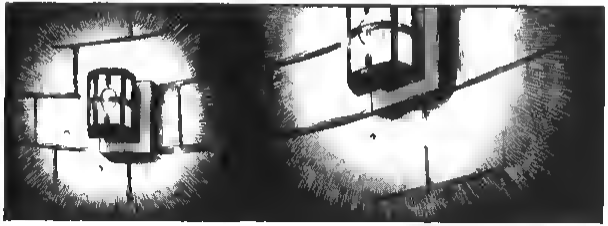
THE CHAMBER IS STRICTLY OFF LIMITS, BUT I SEE THAT THESE ARE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES
QUICKLY -- FOLLOW ME



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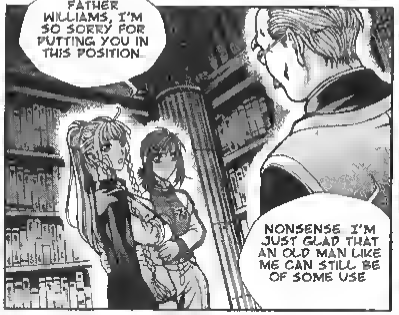
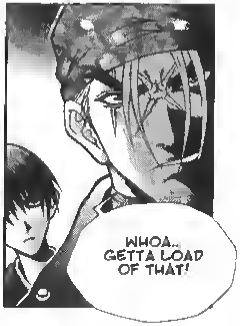
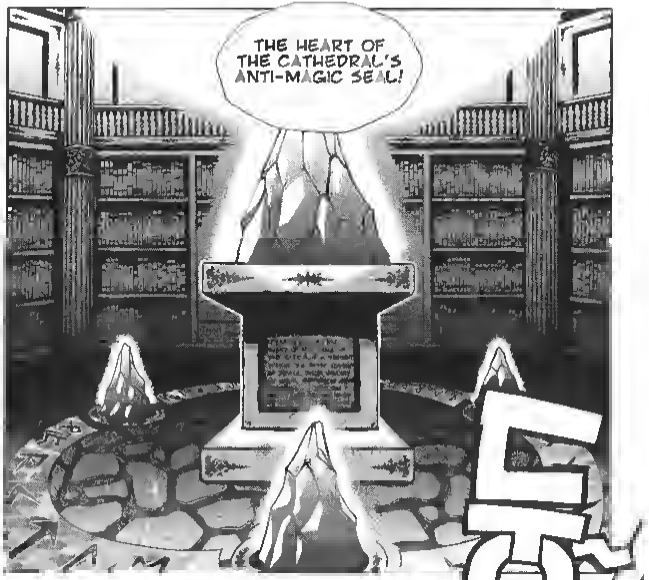
WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW... BIGGER THAN I EXPECTED


FATHER WILLIAMS, I'M SO SORRY FOR PUTTING YOU IN THIS POSITION...
NONSENSE. I'M JUST GLAD THAT AN OLD MAN LIKE ME CAN STILL BE OF SOME USE


WHOA... GETTA LOAD OF THAT!


THE HEART OF THE CATHEDRAL'S ANTI-MAGIC SEAL!

LET'S SEE... RECORDS FROM THE MID-1600S SHOULD BE RIGHT ABOUT HERE
AH. HERE IT IS!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FO?, MILLENEAR, BUT IF IT WAS RECORDED, YOU'LL FIND IT HERE
THE SEAL U ON THIS BOOK IS THAT OF THE CHURCH HISTORIANS... UNTAINTED BY CORRUPTION
...!!

OH... MY GOD...

...HOW HORRIBLE...
IF THIS IS TRUE... POOR DESHWITAT...
CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST
THE BEST WAY TO HELP DESH IS TO SMASH THIS THING.
KOOM
RETT, DON'T TOUCH IT!
HUFF
HUFF
DESH?!
YES! I KNEW IT! YOU'RE ALIVE!!
DON'T TOUCH THE CRYSTAL, RETT.
IT'LL EXPLODE
WHAT!?

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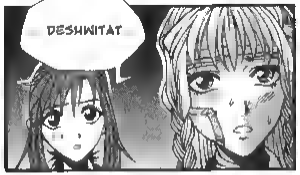
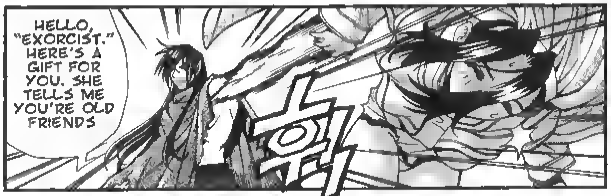
MILLENEAR, WHAT'S GOING ON? THAT'S... THAT'S A VAMPIRE...!


DESHWITAT...


HELLO, "EXORCIST." HERE'S A GIFT FOR YOU. SHE TELLS ME YOU'RE OLD FRIENDS
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OOOOOFF!!
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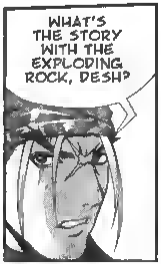
NO... IT CAN'T BE.. ERIKA?
OWWW...

DESHWITAT, WHAT HAPPENED? WHY ARE YOU HOLDING ERIKA...?
I NEEDED A HOSTAGE. NOT THAT I NEED TO EXPLAIN MYSELF.


WHAT'S THE STORY WITH THE EXPLODING ROCK, DESH?

THE GIRL TOLD ME ON THE WAY HERE
THE CRYSTAL IS PROTECTED BY FOUR SECRET VERSES. UNLESS THEY ARE CHANTED IN UNISON, THE SLIGHTEST TOUCH WILL SET IT OFF

WHAT THE HELL? MAGIC CRYSTALIZED NITRO?!
SO, DID SHE TELL YOU WHAT THESE VERSES ARE?

NO, SHE ONLY KNOWS ONE. THERE ARE FOUR PRIESTS, EACH ENTRUSTED WITH A DIFFERENT VERSE.
JUST GREAT. I GUESS WE GO PRIEST HUNTING, HUH?

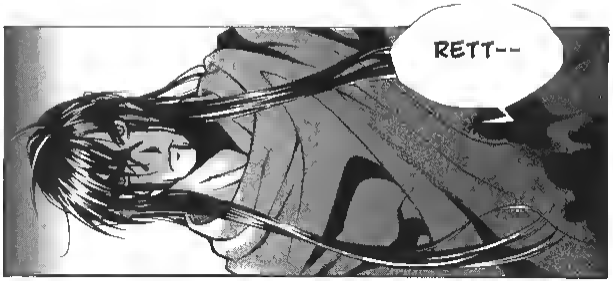
CHAPTER 18: THE WELL OF [illegible]

HAHAHAHA...
HOW APPROPRIATE THAT I SHOULD CORNER YOU IN THE BASEMENT
YOU'RE VERMIN OF THE LOWEST FORM...
AND I SHALL BE YOUR EXTERMINATOR
BISHOP BERNARD!!
OH DEAR, CAN IT BE? SISTER MILLENEAR-- OR SHOULD I SAY, MS SHEPHILD
I MUST DENOUNCE YOUR ACTIVITIES AS A ROGUE-EXORCIST. BUT I THANK YOU FOR DELIVERING THESE UNHOLY CREATURES TO MY DOOR.
NO, BISHOP BERNARD!!
DESHWITAT MAY BE A CREATURE OF DARKNESS, BUT HE'S THE KEY TO PREVENTING THE APOCA-LYPSE!
SILENCE!! NONE OF THAT MATTERS!!
I AM THE ENFORCER OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUS VENGEANCE
THE EVIL ONES --
MUST DIE!

FOOLISH MINIONS OF SATAN!
YOUR OCCULT POWERS HAVE NO POTENCY IN GOD'S HOLY SANCTUARY!!
WAIT A MINUTE...
THAT'S NOT DARK MAGIC!
件
KAFF!
HUCK!!

AAAARRR..!!
SSSSS
HYAAAA!
INCREDIBLE
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH POWER
I HAVEN'T LIVED THIS LONG BY BEING A CREAMPUFF

I MEAN, COME ON. DID YOU FORGET WE'RE IMMORTAL?
NOW PLAY NICE, OR I'LL LET MY LITTLE FRIEND HERE REALLY OPEN UP ON YOU
LET ME GO, RETT.
UNBELIEVABLE HOW DID THESE HERETICS GET SO STRONG ?!
RETT, I CAN TAKE CARE OF THESE INSECTS ON MY OWN.
THIS IS MY FIGHT.
MINE TO WIN OR LOSE.
SHUT UP, DESH!
WHAT DO YOU THINK WE'RE DOING THIS FOR?
DID 357 YEARS IN LIMBO TURN YOUR BRAIN TO MUSH?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DESHWITAT L. LUDRICH WHO USED TO HAVE FAITH IN HIS FRIENDS?


RETT--

LIKE IT OR NOT..
EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US.
TO...

THE MONK..
IT!

THE EXORCIST...
THE KID...

WE'RE HERE TO SAVE YOUR BUTT!!
SO IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA FIGHT, STAND BACK AND SHUT THE HELL UP..
..OTHERWISE, IT'S YOUR ASS I'M GONNA KICK..

WELL, WELL...
HUH?

YOU NEVER COULD FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED
VERY FUNNY.
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT. I MAY BE OVER-EXTENDING MYSELF...
I HAVEN'T MUCH LEFT IN ME.
YOU AND BERYUN FINISH OFF THE PAWNS - THE CRAZY OLD BISHOP BELONGS TO ME

RIGHT. COME ON, BERYUN! LET'S CLEAR A PATH!!
DESTROY THEM!! MY SOLDIERS - - UNLEASH YOUR HOLY WRATH!
AAAAHK!!
HUFF!

YOU CRAZY BASTARD.

NO GOD WOULD SPEAK THROUGH YOU!!
HAHAHA

ARR GGH!!
HAHAHA! FOOLISH WRETCHED CREATURE!
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD LAY YOUR FILTHY HANDS ON ME? I AM PROTECTED BY THE SACRED POWER OF THE LORD!
DAMN... YOU...
TASTE THE FIRE OF GOD'S VENGEANCE!!

GAK...!!

NO!!

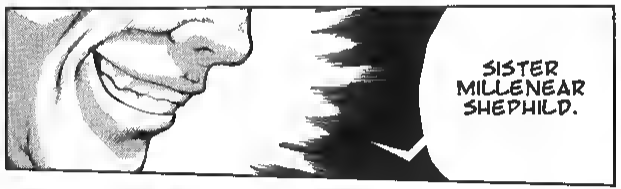
DESH!!
HUFF..

I'M... (COUGH) FINE STAND ASIDE

YES... KEEP COMING

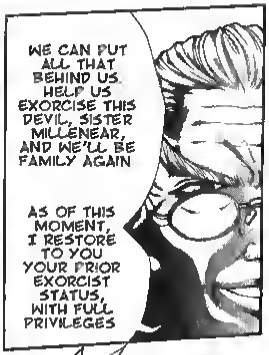
I'LL TAKE YOU DOWN MYSELF, SON OF A BITCH...!!
AAARG GHH...?!

I THINK NOT!
...?!
WHAT...? I CAN'T MOVE...!
I CONTROL THE POWER OF THE SEAL, FOUL CREATURES. A POWER THAT AFFECTS BOTH LIGHT AND DARK MAGIC.
UNFORTUNATELY, IT AFFECTS ME AS WELL
BUT WITH THE VAMPIRE IN SUCH A DIMINISHED STATE, I HARDLY NEED TO RAISE A HAND
OH DEAR
IT SEEMS YOU'VE DISPATCHED MY HOLY GUARD
FORTUNATELY, THERE'S STILL ONE LAST SERVANT OF GOD LEFT—


SISTER MILLENEAR SHEPHILD.

YOU WERE EXCOMMUNICATED FOR AN ERROR IN JUDGMENT THREE YEARS AGO, BUT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IMPRESSED BY YOUR SPIRITUAL POWERS.
IT WAS A GREAT LOSS FOR US ALL.

AND YET, YOU CONTINUE TO YEARN FOR THE LOVING EMBRACE OF THE CHURCH
LOOK AT YOU. STILL WEARING YOUR HABIT
... WANDERING ABOUT, PERFORMING ILLICIT EXORCISMS


WE CAN PUT ALL THAT BEHIND US. HELP US EXORCISE THIS DEVIL, SISTER MILLENEAR, AND WE'LL BE FAMILY AGAIN
AS OF THIS MOMENT, I RESTORE TO YOU YOUR PRIOR EXORCIST STATUS, WITH FULL PRIVILEGES

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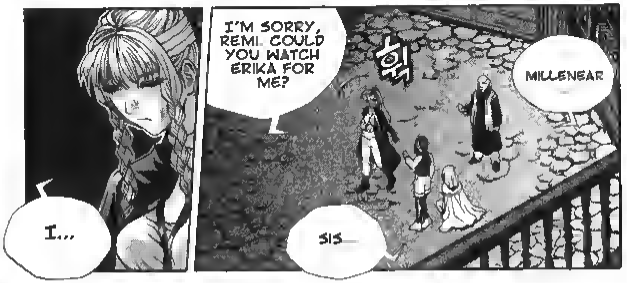
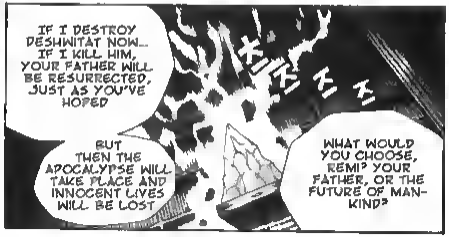
THINK CHILD, YOU CAN ONCE AGAIN CARRY OUT THE LORD'S WORK...
... NOT IN SECRET, BUT WITH THE BLESSING OF THE CHURCH!


I...
I'M SORRY, REMI. COULD YOU WATCH ERIKA FOR ME?
MILLENEAR
SIS...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'RE NOT REALLY LISTENING TO THAT OLD KOOK, ARE YOU?
I... I HATE DESHWITAT TOO. BUT DESHWITAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONE

I KNOW... HE MIGHT BE THE WORLD'S SAVIOR...
BUT BISHOP BERNARD IS RIGHT FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS, THE ONLY THING THAT SUSTAINED ME WAS THE HOPE THAT ONE DAY I MIGHT BE REINSTATED BY THE CHURCH...
I'VE THOUGHT OF NOTHING ELSE. AND NOW I HAVE MY CHANCE.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR DREAMS, REMI...?


IF I DESTROY DESHWITAT NOW... IF I KILL HIM, YOUR FATHER WILL BE RESURRECTED, JUST AS YOU'VE HOPED
BUT THEN THE APOCALYPSE WILL TAKE PLACE AND INNOCENT LIVES WILL BE LOST
WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE, REMI? YOUR FATHER, OR THE FUTURE OF MANKIND?

I... I DON'T KNOW. OF COURSE I WOULD DO ANYTHING TO HAVE MY FATHER BACK...
BUT... BUT...

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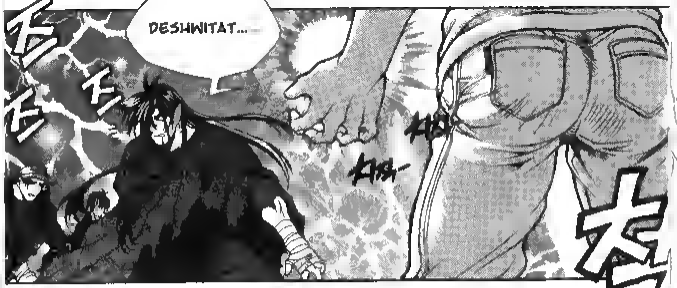
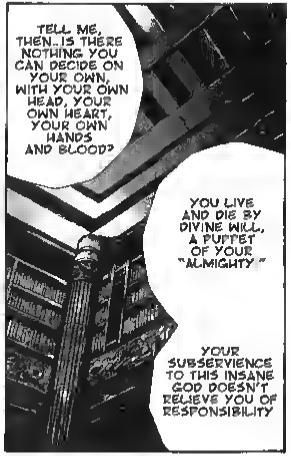
MILLENEAR... YOU CAN'T BE...?
HAHAHA. A WISE DECISION, MILLENEAR. RETURN TO GOD'S LOVING EMBRACE!!


DESHWITAT...

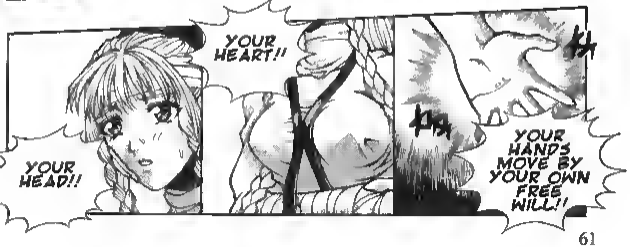
I'VE READ THE HISTORY, I KNOW ABOUT YOUR LIFE...
YOUR SUFFERING... YOUR PAIN... THE BETRAYAL... INJUSTICE... YOUR TRAGIC LOVE..
I THINK I UNDERSTAND YOU A LITTLE BETTER. YOUR RAGE AGAINST GOD AND HUMANITY. YOUR DESIRE FOR REVENGE

BUT THAT SUFFERING IS PART OF GOD'S GREATER PLAN ...
GO TO HELL!

SPARE ME THE PIOUS DRIVEL. AM I TO ROLL OVER LIKE SOME BEATEN CUR, JUST BECAUSE IT'S ALL PART OF YOUR GOD'S DIVINE PLAN?
YOU MAKE ME SICK. YOU KNOW WHAT I HATE THE MOST ABOUT PEOPLE LIKE YOU? EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IS GOD'S WILL. YOU'RE SPINELESS AND WEAK


TELL ME, THEN...IS THERE NOTHING YOU CAN DECIDE ON YOUR OWN, WITH YOUR OWN HEAD, YOUR OWN HEART, YOUR OWN HANDS AND BLOOD?
YOU LIVE AND DIE BY DIVINE WILL, A PUPPET OF YOUR "ALMIGHTY."
YOUR SUBSERVIENCE TO THIS INSANE GOD DOESN'T RELIEVE YOU OF RESPONSIBILITY

GO AHEAD, KILL ME. BUT KNOW THAT IT'S YOUR CHOICE AND THERE WILL BE REPERCUSSIONS


YOUR HEAD!!
YOUR HEART!!
YOUR HANDS MOVE BY YOUR OWN FREE WILL!!

DESTROY THE PART OF YOU STILL CHAINED BY THE ILLUSION OF GOD!! FREE YOURSELF!!
DON'T LET YOURSELF REMAIN A SLAVE TO IRRATIONAL DOGMA! IF GOD HIMSELF STANDS IN YOUR WAY, KILL HIM AND FOLLOW YOUR OWN CALLING!!
THE DEVIL BLASPHEMES!!
STRIKE HIM, MILLENEAR! SILENCE THE DEMON!

EH
NO, MILLENEAR!!
...SISTER!

AIM FOR THE HEART.
IN MY WEAKENED STATE, ONE HIT IS ALL YOU'LL NEED.
I'M SORRY--

... I'M SORRY, BISHOP BERNARD!!

WHA... WHAT?!
AAAHHK!
I'M SORRY, BISHOP BERNARD— BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT GOD WANTS TO DESTROY THE WORLD
BUT EVEN IF IT IS GOD'S WILL.
I CANNOT FOLLOW IT!

I MUST SAY, I'M SURPRISED, PRIESTESS.

DIDN'T YOU JUST TELL ME..
...THAT I SHOULD LIVE BY MY OWN FREE WILL?
AH...
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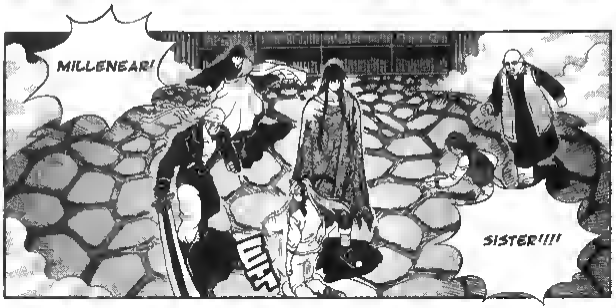
I'M SORRY... I FEEL FAINT FROM... CAN BARELY STAND...
I'VE NEVER BEEN SO CLOSE TO HIM BEFORE..
I'D IMAGINED HIM TO BE ICY COLD...
...BUT HIS VAMPYRIC BODY..
IT'S SURPRISINGLY...

...WARM...


MILLENEAR!
SISTER!!!!

SHE'S OKAY JUST EXHAUSTED

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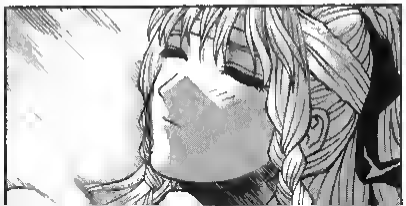

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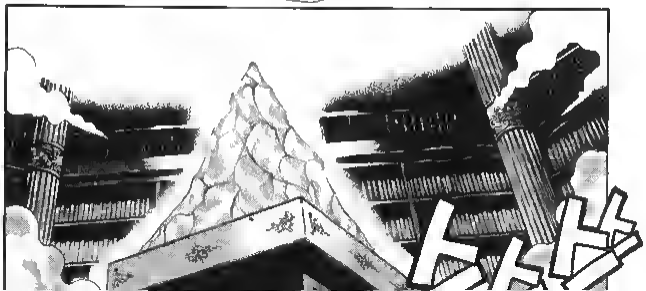
RETT, BERYUN.
WE SETTLE THE SCORE WITH THE OLD MAN, NOW.

..OH YEAH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DAMNED HERETICAL BITCH..
..YOU DARE TURN YOUR BACK ON GOD..
HEY, PREACHER-MAN, YOUR BULLSHIT'S GETTING PRETTY TIRED.
BE A GOOD BOY AND UNLOCK THE SEAL.
HAHAHA, YOU FOOLS! I DON'T KNOW THE VERSES!
EVEN IF I DID, DO YOU REALLY THINK I'D COOPERATE WITH YOU?
HMM, ON SECOND THOUGHT, THERE IS SOMETHING I CAN DO FOR YOU..
...I CAN KILL YOU ALL!!
I'LL UNDO THE SEAL BY BRINGING THE ENTIRE CATHEDRAL DOWN!!

WHAT THE HELL?!

AAARGHH!

SORRY BISHOP, BUT I DON'T THINK WE CAN ALLOW THAT.

OBLITERATING AN ENTIRE CATHEDRAL JUST TO KILL ONE VAMPIRE? NOW REALLY...
HOW DARE YOU DEFY ME, HANS!
FATHER BISCONTINE TOLD US EVERYTHING.
TO THINK WE ALMOST KILLED THE ONE CREATURE THAT MIGHT SAVE THE WORLD
BROTHER HANS!
GRRR / BISCONTINE, YOU IMBECILE!
I'M... I'M SORRY, BISHOP BERNARD...
I WAS SO AFRAID.
BUT... BROTHER HANS!!
HOW CAN WE ALLOW A CREATURE OF DARKNESS TO BE OUR SAVIOR?
WE ARE GOD'S SERVANTS. BETTER FOR THE WORLD TO BE DESTROYED THAN TO HAVE IT SAVED BY A DEVIL!
BELIEVE ME I FIND NO JOY IN BEING SAVED BY SOME DARK MESSIAH, EITHER.
...NEITHER THE FATE OF THE WORLD NOR GOD'S WILL ARE YOURS TO DECIDE, BERNARD.
OF COURSE... YOU UNDER-STAND!
NOW HURRY AND DESTROY DESHWIT AT!
HOWEVER...

HAHAHAHA..
...ET TU, HANS? ALIGNING WITH THE HERETICS?
I'M SURROUNDED BY EVIL..
ONLY I REMAIN A TRUE SERVANT OF THE LORD..
NOW...
...BY...BY THE DIVINE... AUTHORITY...
I... I WILL BE YOUR JUDGE...
...SA... SATANIC HORDE...
...I FIND THEE LACKING...

CHAPTER 19: DEATH OF A ZEALOT

...JUDGMENT...
DIVINE JUDGMENT!!
...UPON... THE... HERETICS...
...DI... DIV... DIVINE...

HERE WE GO AGAIN, DESH' ANOTHER SOLDIER OF THE CROSS, INSANE WITH ZEALOTRY
AND UGLY AS HELL, TOO.

I SUPPOSE EVERY AGE HAS ITS ZEALOTS, EACH DOOMED TO REPEAT THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST
IT NEVER FAILS TO DISGUST ME

WE MUST BE CAREFUL.
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE PRIEST. I FEEL A SUDDEN SURGE OF VIOLENT ENERGY IN THE AIR

HANS... WHAT IS GOING ON HERE...
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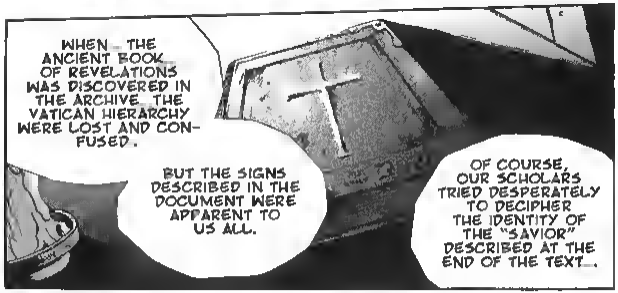
GRRR... HOW COULD THE LIKES OF YOU POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND..
..MY RIGHTEOUS.. ANGER...

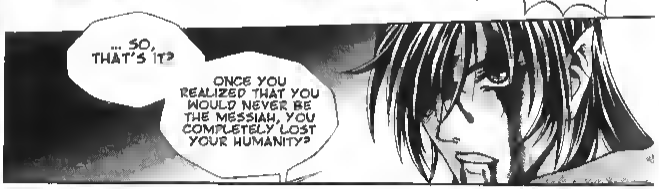

WHEN... THE ANCIENT BOOK OF REVELATIONS WAS DISCOVERED IN THE ARCHIVE, THE VATICAN HIERARCHY WERE LOST AND CONFUSED.
BUT THE SIGNS DESCRIBED IN THE DOCUMENT WERE APPARENT TO US ALL.
OF COURSE, OUR SCHOLARS TRIED DESPERATELY TO DECIPHER THE IDENTITY OF THE "SAVIOR" DESCRIBED AT THE END OF THE TEXT...

...AND QUIETLY, I HOPED AND PRAYED...
...THAT THE MESSIAH, THE LAST HOPE OF THIS DEGENERATING PLANET, MIGHT BE NONE OTHER THAN MYSELF...

AND WHY NOT?!
FROM BIRTH, I WAS RAISED TO SERVE OUR LORD!
MY ENTIRE LIFE DEVOTED TO HIS WORD AND HIS LAW!!
WHO WAS MORE QUALIFIED THAN I TO SAVE THE WORLD?

..BUT WHEN THE PASSAGE WAS FINALLY DECIPHERED..
MY WORLD COLLAPSED

I WAS NOT THE MESSIAH! AND HOW COULD ANYONE ACCEPT A PROPHECY THAT NAMES A WRETCHED VAMPIRE AS THE SAVOIR OF THE WORLD?
I COULD NOT ACCEPT THAT! I NEVER WILL!!


... SO, THAT'S IT?
ONCE YOU REALIZED THAT YOU WOULD NEVER BE THE MESSIAH, YOU COMPLETELY LOST YOUR HUMANITY?

WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE ME?!
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I WAS CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE!! YOU ARE THE REFUSE FROM THE BOWELS OF SATAN!
HE DOESN'T REALIZE
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIM
HIS DESIRE TO BECOME ONE WITH THE DIVINE HAS CONSUMED HIM.
IT HAS BECOME CORRUPTED.. TOXIC
파지-
SOON, HE WILL NO LONGER BE HUMAN
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HIS PERVERTED DESIRES WILL CONSUME THEIR HUMAN HOST AND GIVE BIRTH TO A NEW, HORRIBLY MUTATED BEING
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AAAHK!!
SUPER. THEN WHAT?
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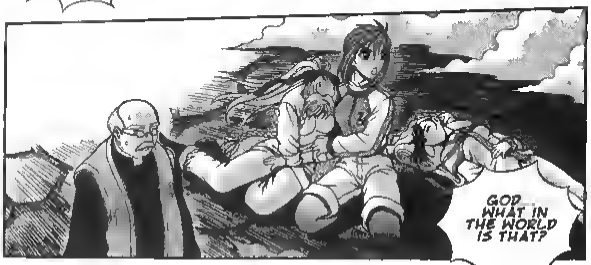
INDEED !!

BENUHAZZER,
THE SACRED BEAST
(LV.881)
DESPITE ITS GROTESQUE FORM, BENUHAZZER WAS A SACRED CREATURE OF LIGHT. ANCIENT WIZARDS ONCE CALLED UPON THIS BEAST FOR ITS TREMENDOUS OFFENSIVE AND REGENERATIVE POWERS. BUT BECAUSE OF ITS TENDENCY TO CONSUME THE SOUL OF THE SPELLCASTER, IT WAS EVENTUALLY ABANDONED. SINCE THEN, IT HAS SURVIVED AS A PARASITE PREYING ON WEAK-WILLED CLERGYMEN, INHABITING THEIR BODIES SHOULD THE OPPORTUNITY ARISE

UGH! AND HE CALLS US FOUL CREATURES?!


GOD, WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT?

HAHAHA NOW, DESHWITAT
DIE!!

AHH!

THANKS-- I OWE YOU.
THE OLD BOYS GOTTA STICK TOGETHER, RIGHT?

HUH!?
ROAR!
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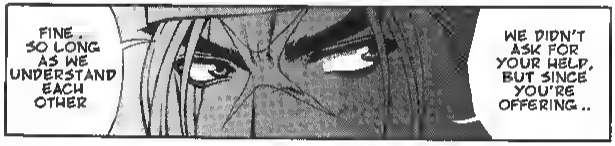
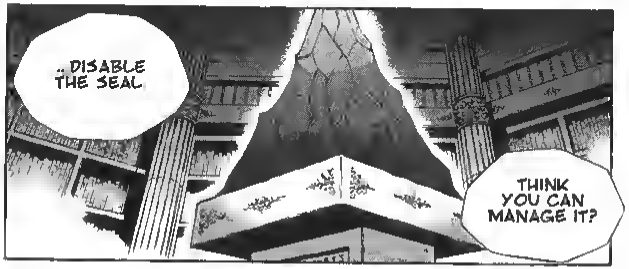
PLEASE! WE WANT TO HELP!
SURE YOU DO!
PLEASE FORGIVE US FOR OUR EARLIER ACTIONS.
WE'VE BEEN OPERATING UNDER FALSE INFORMATION UNTIL NOW


FINE. SO LONG AS WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER
WE DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR HELP, BUT SINCE YOU'RE OFFERING..


..DISABLE THE SEAL
THINK YOU CAN MANAGE IT?

THEN DO IT. WE'LL HANDLE THINGS ON THIS END.

RAARH!
STAND BACK FOR A SECOND, DESH
LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT 400 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH A SWORD CAN DO
HUUAAAAAA!!!
ULTIMATE SWORD TECHNIQUE -- 4TH FORM!
EAT THIS!!
SOUL-FIRE BURNING BLADE!!

SCREEE!
WOW-- NOT BAD RETT.
"SOUL-FIRE BUERNING BLADE" -VERY DRAMATIC-
NOW, ERYUN!! STRIKE NOW!!
娑婆訶!!

GOOD JOB, BERYUN!!
HUH?

HMM, SOME AMAZING REGENERATIVE POWERS.
I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO FALL SO EASILY.

ERIKA!!
ERIKA, WAKE UP! WE NEED YOU!!
HANS...?
WHAT HAPPENED..? DID YOU KILL DESHWITAT?
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!
EH WHA!?
FATHER, I LEAVE THE LADIES IN YOUR CARE!!
AH YES, OF COURSE

ALL RIGHT, LET'S DISENGAGE THE SEAL.
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OKAY, HANS!
RIGHT.
WAIT, HANS! IF WE DISENGAGE THE SEAL, DESHWITAT WILL REGAIN..
SORRY ERIKA, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN RIGHT NOW, BUT DESHWITAT IS INTEGRAL TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE WORLD
AND...
THE ONLY WAY TO HELP HIM IS TO DISABLE THIS AS FAST AS WE CAN
PLEASE, JUST TRUST ME, ERIKA...
OKAY, HANS...
...I'LL TRUST YOU.

...THE GATES OF ETERNITY, ADMIT THE GLORIOUS KING...
OBEY ALL COMMANDS THAT ISSUE FROM MY LIPS..
EXALT JEHOVAH, MY SOUL AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME...
I GIVE PRAISE TO YOUR OMNISCIENT RIGHTEOUSNESS...

DISABLE THE SEAL!!
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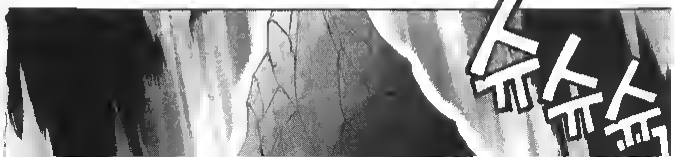
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RETT THE SEAL'S POWER IS DISSIPATING!
THE POWER OF THE DARKSIDE IS FLOODING IN...
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HAHAHA, WELL THEN, IT'S TIME...

...FOR DESH TO KICK SOME ASS!
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...I'VE GOT A DEBT TO SETTLE MYSELF!
BLOODY VULCAN!
IT'S ALL YOURS, FRIEND. LET IT RIP.
I'LL TRY NOT TO DISAPPOINT YOU, RETT.
BESIDES ..

SCREE!!
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...HRMPH!

ARGHH!
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NICE MOVE, DESH! LET'S SEE HIM SHAKE THAT OFF.
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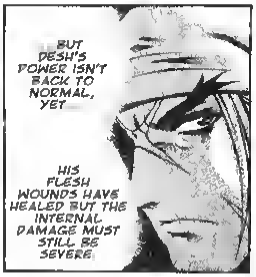
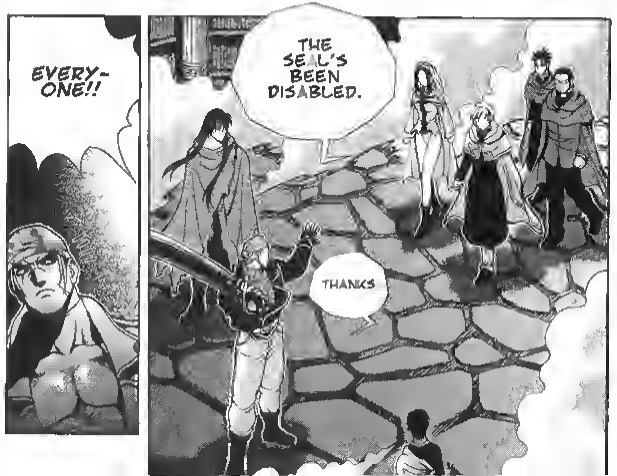
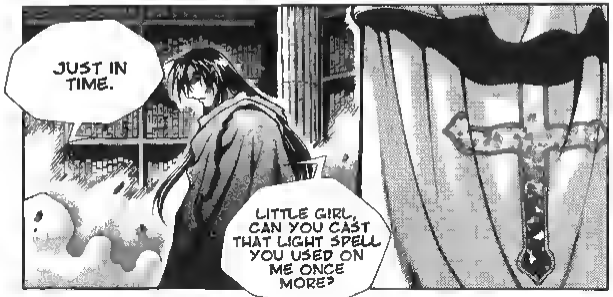
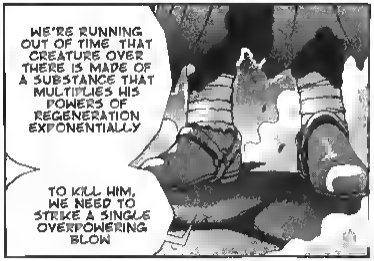
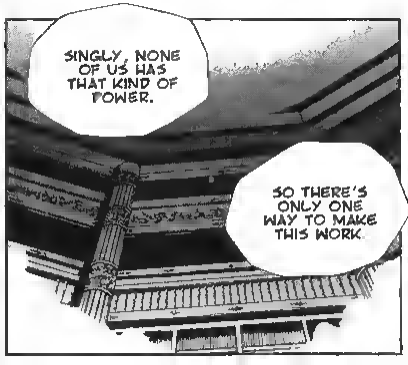

BUT DESH'S POWER ISN'T BACK TO NORMAL, YET...
HIS FLESH WOUNDS HAVE HEALED BUT THE INTERNAL DAMAGE MUST STILL BE SEVERE.

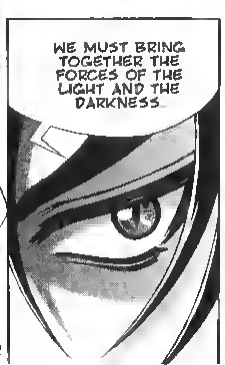

EVERY-ONE!!
THE SEAL'S BEEN DISABLED.
THANKS


JUST IN TIME.
LITTLE GIRL, CAN YOU CAST THAT LIGHT SPELL YOU USED ON ME ONCE MORE?

ME...? ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?
I CAN, BUT... WHY?


WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. THAT CREATURE OVER THERE IS MADE OF A SUBSTANCE THAT MULTIPLIES HIS POWERS OF REGENERATION EXPONENTIALLY.
TO KILL HIM, WE NEED TO STRIKE A SINGLE OVERPOWERING BLOW.


SINGLY, NONE OF US HAS THAT KIND OF POWER.
SO THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO MAKE THIS WORK.


WE MUST BRING TOGETHER THE FORCES OF THE LIGHT AND THE DARKNESS.

IT'S A RISKY AND DIFFICULT CALCULATION.
BUT IF WE GET THE TIMING RIGHT, WE CAN INCREASE OUR POWER TEN-FOLD.

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WE NEED TO COMBINE OUR ENERGIES WITH PINPOINT ACCURACY.
IF WE SUCCEED, HE'LL BE DISINTEGRATED. REGENERATION WILL NO LONGER BE POSSIBLE

OF COURSE... THE FORCE OF TWO OPPOSITE ENERGIES COLLIDING...
BRILLIANT! THEORETICALLY, IT SHOULD BE STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE HIM OUT.

YOU
DESH, DO YOU THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA IN YOUR CONDITION?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER? WE CAN'T LET THE OLD BASTARD STOP US NOW.

SO, WHAT DO YOU SAY? ARE YOU IN?
I'LL DO IT.
I STILL DON'T TRUST YOU, BUT I CAN'T LET THAT MONSTER TERRORIZE THE STREETS OF ROME.
GET READY!
OUR TARGET POINT IS THREE METERS IN FRONT OF HIM!!
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WE'LL BUY YOU TIME, DESH! GIVE HIM HELL!!
GOOD LUCK, ERIKA!
HE'S REGENERATED! EVERYONE — RUN!!
WHAT'S TO BE YOUR ULTIMATE REWARD, BASTARD? HEAVEN OR HELL?
EITHER WAY, I'M HAPPY TO SEND YOU THERE, OLD MAN!

LORD OF THE UNDERWORLD, POSSESSOR OF THE SOUL OF DARKNESS!! OPEN THE GATES OF DESTRUCTION!!
...I GIVE PRAISE UNTO YOU, GOD OF ISRAEL. FOR THE LOVE OF YOUR PEOPLE YOU RAISED THE ONE OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID...
I SUMMON YOU NOW TO DESTROY THE ENEMY BEFORE ME. CAST THE HELL-FIRE OF YOUR WRATH UPON THIS CREATURE!!
HOLY, HOLY, MOST HOLY! THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! WHO WAS, IS, AND WILL BE FOREVER MORE!
PREPARE YOURSELF, GIRL!! THIS IS IT!!

SAINT'S JUDGMENT!!
DEMON'S BAPTISM!!
NOW!!
EVERYONE, RUN!!

?
HEY... NOTHING'S HAPPENING!
DID IT FAIL?
NO... IT WORKED PERHAPS TOO WELL.
THERE'S A MASSIVE EXPLOSION COMING.
I THINK WE'D BETTER TAKE SHELTER BEHIND THE ENERGY BARRIER..
IT LOOKS LIKE THE EXPLOSION WILL BE HUGE... BIGGER THAN ANYTHING I'VE SEEN BEFORE.
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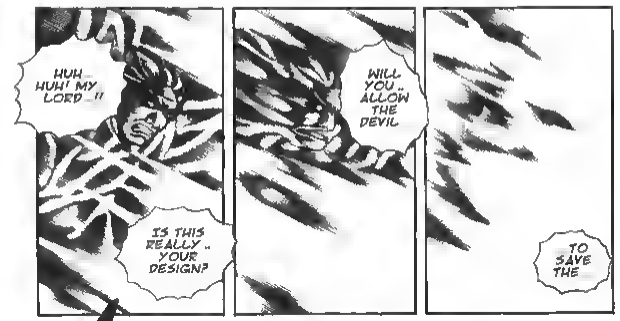

CHAPTER 20: TOWARD RECONCILIATION 1

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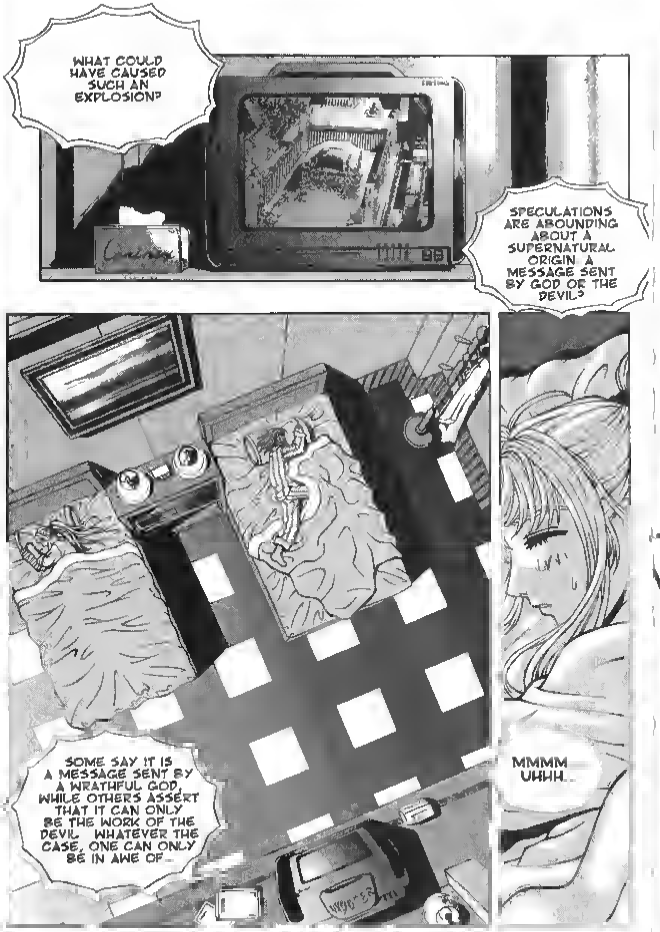
GOOD MORNING. WE'RE COMING TO YOU LIVE ABOVE WHAT WAS ONCE ST. FLORENCE CATHEDRAL IN VATICAN CITY, WHERE A MASSIVE EXPLOSION DESTROYED THE CATHEDRAL LAST NIGHT.
AS WE SPEAK, GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS WAS A TERRORIST ATTACK.
...BUT THE ONE THING BOTH SPECIALISTS AND LAYMEN CAN AGREE ON AT THIS POINT...
...IS THAT THIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE THE WORK...
... OF ANY KNOWN CONVENTIONAL WEAPON.


WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED SUCH AN EXPLOSION?
SPECULATIONS ARE ABOUNDING ABOUT A SUPERNATURAL ORIGIN A MESSAGE SENT BY GOD OR THE DEVIL?
SOME SAY IT IS A MESSAGE SENT BY A WRATHFUL GOD, WHILE OTHERS ASSERT THAT IT CAN ONLY BE THE WORK OF THE DEVIL. WHATEVER THE CASE, ONE CAN ONLY BE IN AWE OF—
MMMM UHHH...

MORNING...?
09:16
WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT...? DID EVERYONE GET OUT SAFELY?
BETT... BERYUN... FATHER WILLIAMS... AND...

DESHWITAT..
Gasp
WAIT. I'M A BIT. SENSITIVE TO SUNLIGHT.
Kick!
DESHWITAT?!

DESHWITAT! YOU'RE ALIVE!
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YOU WORRIED ME. WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME KNOW YOU WERE HERE?
...UMMM...
DON'T WORRY. EVERYONE'S FINE. RETT AND BERYUN HAD BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO.
OH... GOOD
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WELL... GOOD MORNING!
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN YOU IN THE DAYLIGHT BEFORE.
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...?!
DESHWITAT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
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GROTESQUELY FASCINATING, ISN'T IT?

I MAY LOOK LIKE YOU, BUT MY BIOLOGY IS FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT.
YOU FEAR THE DARK BUT I'LL DIE IN THE LIGHT

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE, MILLENEAR.
OPEN THE CURTAINS AND RID YOURSELF OF ME.
THIS IS THE ONLY TIME WHEN YOUR STRENGTH OVERPOWERS MINE AND HERE I AM, STANDING VULNERABLE BEFORE YOU.
YOU MAY NEVER GET THIS CHANCE AGAIN.

DO YOU REGRET HELPING ME YESTERDAY?

I'M GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO CORRECT YOUR MISTAKE.

STOP IT!

WHY ARE YOU SO TWISTED? YOU KNOW I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU
I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR PAST NOW, BUT THAT'S NOT AN EXCUSE FOR YOU TO BE CRUEL
HMM...
YOU SEE... I... WELL...
...?
WHAT? WHAT ABOUT LAST NIGHT?
FINE YOU'RE A GOOD GIRL
IF EVERYONE COULD BE AS MORAL AS YOU, THE WORLD WOULDN'T HAVE COME TO THIS
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD, DESHWITAT I'M 21
ALL RIGHT ENOUGH FOOLING AROUND I HAVE SOMETHING TO DISCUSS WITH YOU
MILLENEAR... ABOUT LAST NIGHT...
NO, NOTHING NEVER MIND
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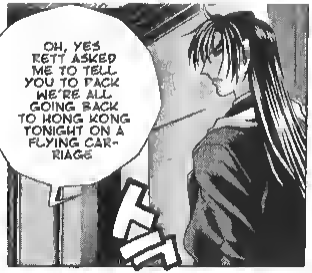
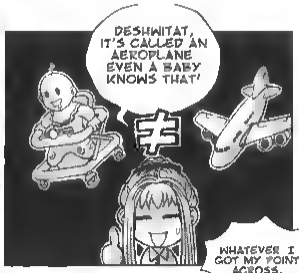
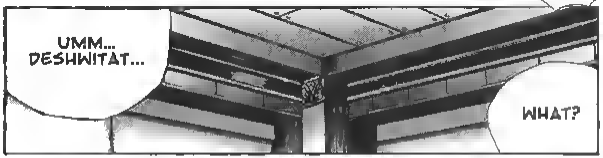

OH, YES
RETT ASKED
ME TO TELL
YOU TO PACK
WE'RE ALL
GOING BACK
TO HONG KONG
TONIGHT ON A
FLYING CAR-
RIAGE


DESHWITAT,
IT'S CALLED AN
AEROPLANE
EVEN A BABY
KNOWS THAT!
WHATEVER. I
GOT MY POINT
ACROSS,
DIDN'T I?


UMM...
DESHWITAT...
WHAT?

I'M SORRY
YOU DIDN'T
GET TO LEARN
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LIGHT AFTER
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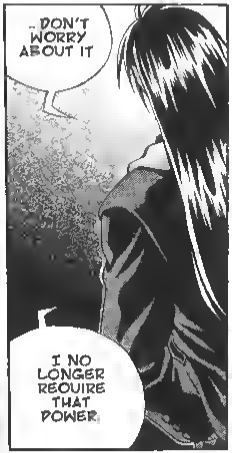
MUCH AT THE
VATICAN.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REALLY?

SHOULDN'T YOU
BE THINKING
ABOUT WHAT
YOU'RE GOING
TO TELL THAT
LITTLE GIRL
RIGHT NOW?
I'M SURE
SHE'S STILL
VERY UPSET
ABOUT YOU
HELPING ME
LAST NIGHT

...NO, I DON'T
THINK SO. I
DON'T THINK
I NEED TO
CREATE AN
EXCUSE
REMI WILL
UNDERSTAND.

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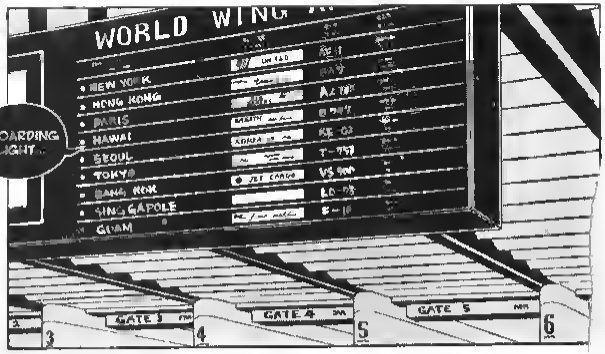
JET CARGO
AIR LINE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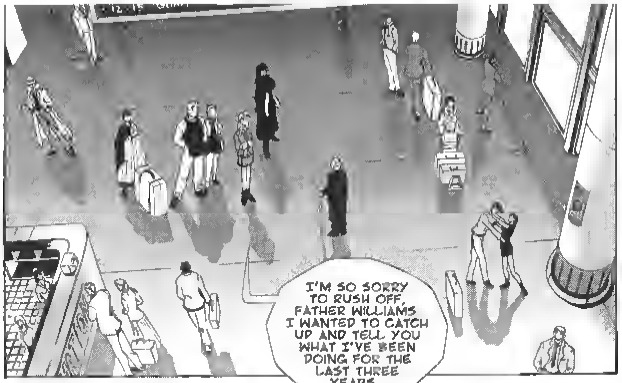
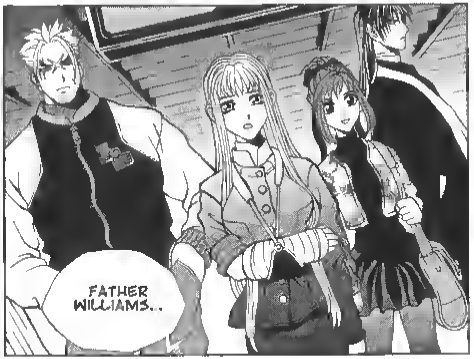

I'M SO SORRY TO RUSH OFF, FATHER WILLIAMS I WANTED TO CATCH UP AND TELL YOU WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS

NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE, MILLENEAR YOU HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO


FATHER WILLIAMS..

MILLE..

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OOOHH-- PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MY MILLENEAR!
SHE'S BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH!
SHE'S LIKE A DAUGHTER TO ME!
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... FATHER WILLIAMS...!!

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HAHA! TRUST HER TO ME, FATHER WILLIAMS, AND REST ASSURED...
IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL CONSOLATION?
...I MAY BE THE HORNIEST 400 YEAR OLD IN THE WORLD BUT I WON'T LAY A FINGER ON MILLENEAR. NEITHER BREASTS NOR BUTTOCKS.
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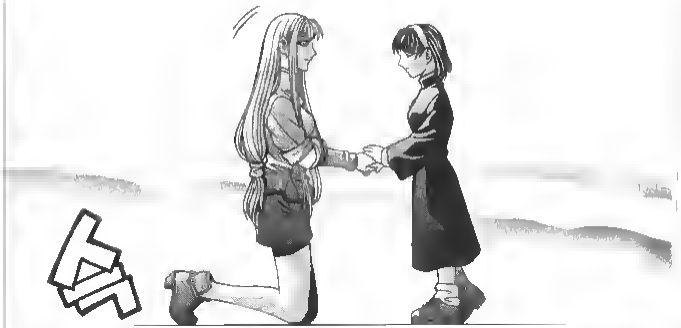
OH, I ALMOST FORGOT I HAVE SOMEONE HERE WHO WANTS TO SAY HI
REALLY?

HELLO, SISTER MILLENEAR...
MY GOD... ARE YOU...?!
THAT'S RIGHT. THE GIRL YOU SAVED THREE YEARS AGO. SHE'S BEEN UNDER OUR CARE EVER SINCE.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I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN
I'M SORRY, IT'S BEEN SO LONG AND I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO ASK YOU YOUR NAME

IT'S ISABELLA. BUT EVERY-ONE CALLS ME IZZY
I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO THANK YOU BACK THEN, EITHER

I'M SO GRATEFUL YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T ABANDON ME
I'M STUDYING HARD AT THE MONASTERY SO I CAN BECOME A GREAT EXORCIST LIKE YOU

I'M SO PROUD OF YOU, IZZY KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, OKAY?

BUT... WHY AREN'T YOU WEARING YOUR HABIT?
ARE YOU WORKING UNDERCOVER?

NO... I DON'T WEAR THE HABIT BECAUSE I'M NOT AN EXORCIST ANY MORE
I WAS TOO FOOLISH TO REALIZE IT BEFORE WHETHER YOU WEAR THE HABIT OR NOT, WHETHER YOU'RE CALLED AN EXORCIST OR NOT...

NONE OF THESE THINGS.
..ARE TRULY IMPORTANT!

THAT'S A LIFE YOU SAVED, MILLENEAR...
ALWAYS REMEMBER.
...YOU WERE RIGHT.

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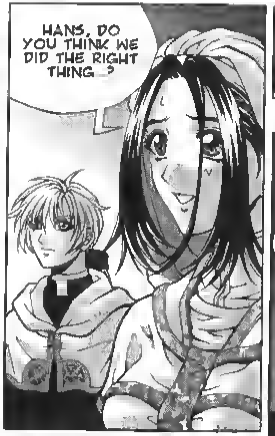
AN INTERESTING GROUP, TO SAY THE LEAST

SIGH.. THERE THEY GO.


HANS, DO YOU THINK WE DID THE RIGHT THING..?

I DON'T KNOW.

SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO RELY ON INTUITION
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IN THE END, ONLY TIME AND GOD CAN TELL US WHETHER WE WERE RIGHT

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HAN AIR

HMMM, DESHWITAT VANISHED AGAIN
RELAX. HE'S PROBABLY IN THE CARGO HOLD SAVES A BUNDLE ON AIRFARE
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AHEM.
UMM MILLENEAR
LEAVE HER ALONE CAN'T YOU SEE THAT SHE'S GOT A LOT ON HER MIND?
OOFF!!
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YOU LITTLE BRAT!
UMM RETT..
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THAT WOMAN FROM DESHWITAT'S PAST, LILITH..
WHAT WAS SHE LIKE?
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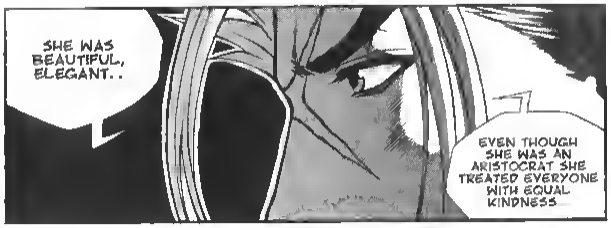
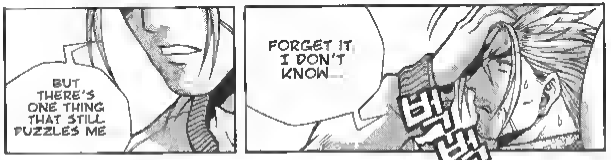

SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL, ELEGANT..
EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS AN ARISTOCRAT SHE TREATED EVERYONE WITH EQUAL KINDNESS


BUT THERE'S ONE THING THAT STILL PUZZLES ME
FORGET IT I DON'T KNOW...
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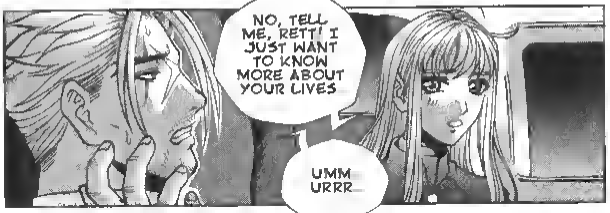
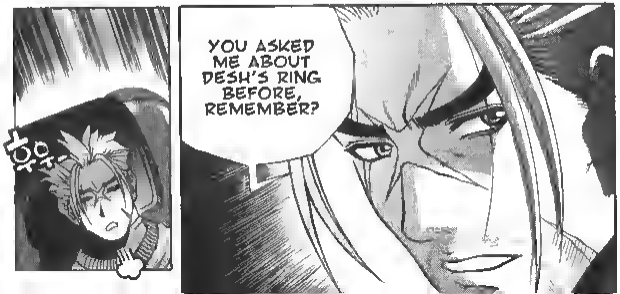

NO, TELL ME, RETT! I JUST WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR LIVES
UMM URRR


YOU ASKED ME ABOUT DESH'S RING BEFORE, REMEMBER?

IT'S ONE OF A PAIR 350 YEARS AGO, DESH GAVE LILITH ITS MATE. THE RINGS POSSESS A MAGIC THAT LINKS THE SOULS OF THEIR WEARERS TOGETHER THROUGH ETERNITY
BECAUSE OF THIS POWER, THE RING ALLOWS ITS WEARER TO KNOW WHETHER THE OTHER PERSON IS SAFE AT ALL TIMES
DESH GAVE THE RING TO LILITH TO HELP EASE HER MIND, SINCE HE WAS ALWAYS AWAY ON DANGEROUS MISSIONS. SHE COULD BE ASSURED OF DESH'S WELL BEING THROUGH THE RING.

THE GEM CAN HAVE TWO DIFFERENT COLORS
IT TURNS BLUE IF THE OTHER WEARER IS DEAD
IT GLOWS RED AS LONG AS THEY ARE ALIVE
WAIT A MINUTE, RETT!
DESH'S RING IS RED!
THAT'S WHAT'S DRIVING ME NUTS I HELD HER DEAD BODY IN MY ARMS THE DAY DESH WAS BANISHED
LILITH LILITH!
SHE DIED RIGHT BEFORE DESH'S EYES...

BUT STILL THE RING GLOWS RED.
EVEN IF SOMEONE ELSE IS WEARING LILITH'S RING, DESH'S RING SHOULD STILL GLOW BLUE
THE RING IS SUPPOSED TO RESPOND ONLY TO LILITH'S LIFE-FORCE
THAT MEANS...
BUT HOW...?!
THAT'S RIGHT.
LILITH...

...IS ALIVE.

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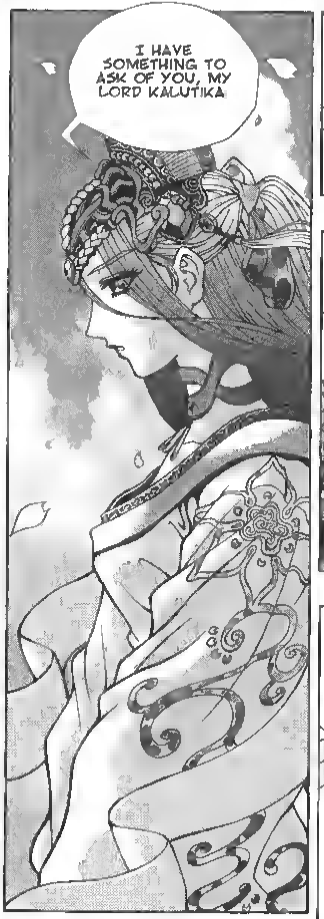
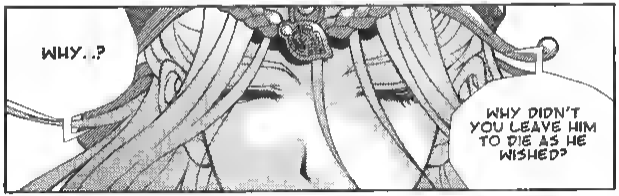
I WASN'T AWARE THAT YOU MADE A HABIT OF WALKING THE GROUNDS


I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK OF YOU, MY LORD KALUTIKA

DESHWITAT IS CERTAIN TO POSE A THREAT TO YOUR PLAN
WHY DO YOU AID HIM?

WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN..?
HOW DID I AID HIM?

WHEN HE WAS SURROUNDED BY HIS ENEMIES HE WAS READY TO GIVE UP
BUT YOU VISITED HIM, AND REKINDLED HIS WILL TO FIGHT BY STOKING THE FIRES OF HIS HATRED


WHY...?
WHY DIDN'T YOU LEAVE HIM TO DIE AS HE WISHED?

BECAUSE WE'VE ONLY BEGUN...
...TO PLAY THE GAME.

I WON'T COMMENT ON HOW HE FEELS ABOUT ME, BUT I STILL CONSIDER HIM A TREASURED FRIEND...
WHAT KIND OF A FRIEND WOULD I BE IF I LET HIM MISS OUT ON SUCH A WONDERFUL SHOW?

YOU'RE A CRUEL FRIEND.

YES, I SUPPOSE I AM.
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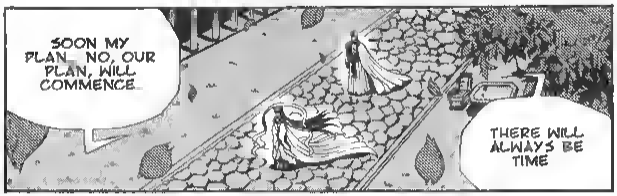

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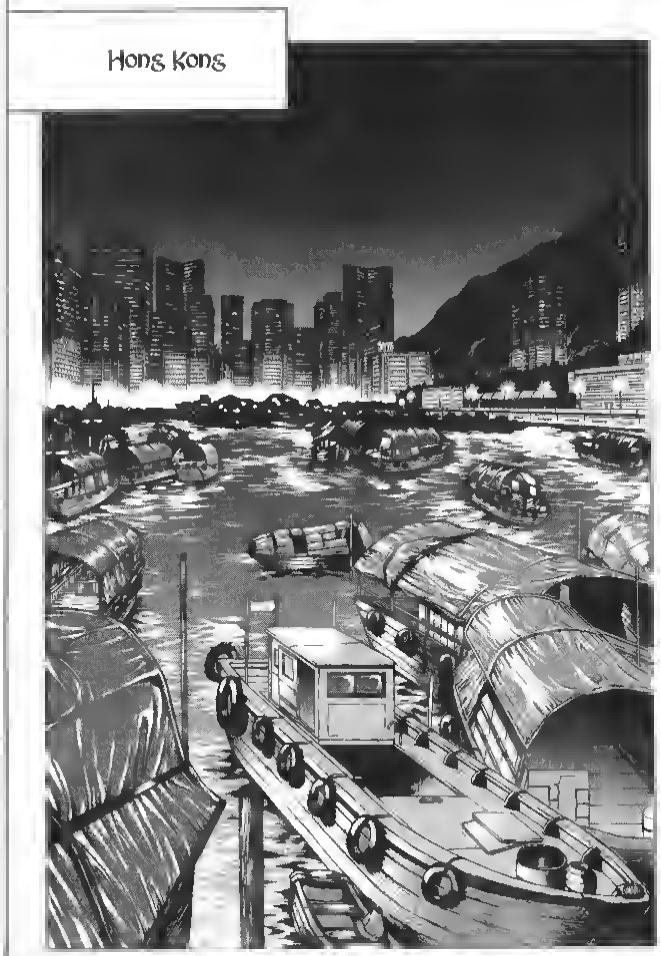
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WELCOME, EVERYONE
PLEASE, COME IN YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED AFTER YOUR LONG JOURNEY

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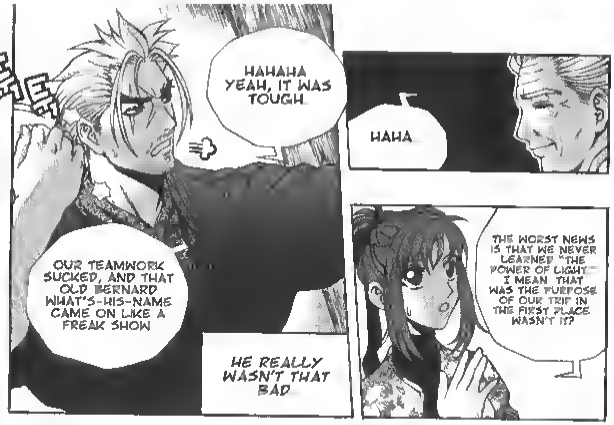
HAHAHA YEAH, IT WAS TOUGH
OUR TEAMWORK SUCKED, AND THAT OLD BERNARD WHAT'S-HIS-NAME CAME ON LIKE A FREAK SHOW
HE REALLY WASN'T THAT BAD
HAHA
THE WORST NEWS IS THAT WE NEVER LEARNED "THE POWER OF LIGHT." I MEAN, THAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF OUR TRIP IN THE FIRST PLACE, WASN'T IT?

BERYUN FILLED ME IN ON THE DETAILS. I HEARD EVERYONE GAVE THEIR BEST EFFORT.
ESPECIALLY YOU, MS. SHEPHILD.

OH, NO, I DIDN'T DO MUCH.
THAT'S RIGHT. SHE BROKE HER ARM TRYING TO TAKE DESH DOWN
BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT SHE ACTUALLY DID OKAY IN THE END.
I WOULDN'T TALK IF I WERE YOU. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU DID MUCH.
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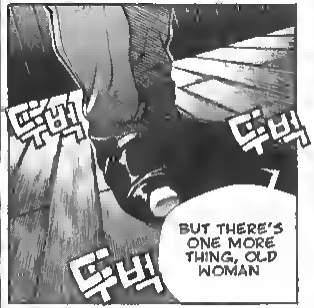
OH, I ALMOST FORGOT
HIGH PRIESTESS, YOU KNOW WHAT HE DID TO ME IN THE VATICAN? HE SHOOK ME BY THE COLLAR AND THREATENED ME AND YELLED AT ME
I WAS SO SCARED
YOU ROTTEN LITTLE SNITCH!!
HAHA WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S GETTING ALONG A BIT BETTER THAN BEFORE I'M PLEASED
THE TRIP ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING
OF COURSE, OUR TEAMWORK WAS MUCH TIGHTER BY THE END
BUT WE'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO THAN PLAY HAPPY FAMILY RIGHT NOW
NOW, WOULDN'T YOU SAY THAT ALONE WAS WORTH THE TRIP TO THE VATICAN?
OUR ORIGINAL GOAL WAS TO ACQUIRE "THE POWER OF LIGHT" AND WE DIDN'T EVEN COME CLOSE
HAHAH YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT, RETT SHALL WE ASK DESHWITAT WHAT HIS THOUGHTS ARE ON ALL THIS?
DOES HE ALSO BELIEVE THAT YOUR TRIP WAS A FAILURE?

HMPH...

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT
NONE OF IT MATTERS ANYMORE. I NO LONGER NEED "THE POWER OF LIGHT"

I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO ASK HIM WHAT HE MEANT BY THAT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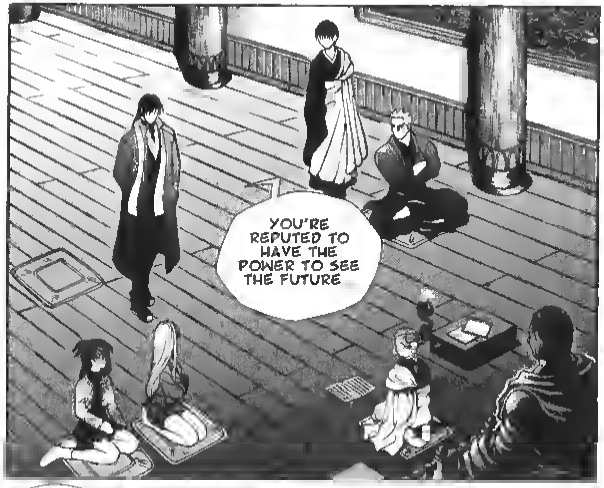
BUT THERE'S ONE MORE THING, OLD WOMAN


YOU'RE REPUTED TO HAVE THE POWER TO SEE THE FUTURE

IF THAT'S TRUE...
THEN YOU SENT ME TO THE VATICAN KNOWING FULL WELL HOW IT WOULD TURN OUT

DAMN! MASTER TAE'S IN TROUBLE!!
HE'S GONNA BE FURIOUS IF THIS IS TRUE!
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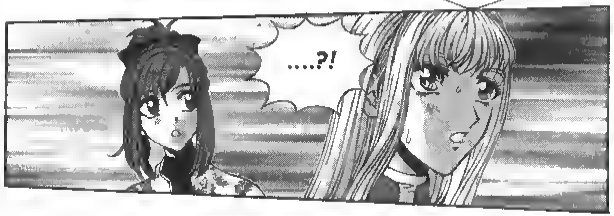
WHAT'S THAT SMILE FOR?
YOU'RE RIGHT I CAN SEE VAGUELY INTO THE FUTURE
BUT MY ABILITY APPLIES ONLY TO THE SITUATION ITSELF I CANNOT SEE INTO THE MIND THAT BRINGS THE FUTURE INTO BEING
WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE, I KNEW THAT THIS TRIP WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY EMPOWER YOU
IT IS MUCH LIKE THE QUESTION OF THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG
AND I BELIEVE I WAS RIGHT I SHOULD BE CHARGING YOU FOR MY ADVICE, PERHAPS? HAHAHA
DO THE HUMAN MIND AND SOUL CREATE FATE? OR IS FREE WILL DESTINY'S ILLUSION?
DON'T YOU AGREE?

WHOA! WHAT'RE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
COME ON, FILL ME IN!
WHAT SHE'S SAYING IS THAT THIS VATICAN TRIP WAS NOT POINTLESS
...?
IT'S KIND OF IRONIC...
...BUT THE TRIP DID ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING.

IT MADE ME REALIZE...
...THAT I DON'T NEED "THE POWER OF LIGHT."

WHAT?
WHAT'D YOU SAY?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WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU KNOW PERFECTLY WELL THAT THE POWER OF DARKNESS IS NO MATCH FOR KALUTIKA'S POWER OF LIGHT!

YOU REALLY THINK SO, RETT?

WELL YOU'RE RIGHT CURRENTLY, MY POWER DOESN'T BEGIN TO COMPARE TO HIS
KAL TOLD ME THE SAME THING 350 YEARS AGO
THE DARK POWERS CANNOT COMBAT LIGHT IN THIS WORLD, THAT TRUTH WILL ALWAYS BE ABSOLUTE
I THOUGHT HE WAS RIGHT I HAD HEARD IT A THOUSAND TIMES BEFORE
FUNNY, I NEVER THOUGHT TO QUESTION THAT BIT OF COMMON SENSE
AFTER ALL, COMMON SENSE WOULDN'T BE COMMON SENSE IF PEOPLE STARTED QUESTIONING IT, WOULD IT?
MILLENEAR, IT WAS YOU WHO FIRST MADE ME QUESTION WHAT I ALWAYS TOOK FOR GRANTED
WHAT... ME?
THE DAY WE ARRIVED IN THE VATICAN...
I DON'T CARE DESHWIT AT!
I MAY DIE BY YOUR HANDS, BUT I CAN NO LONGER ALLOW MYSELF TO SIT BY AND WATCH ANOTHER INNOCENT BE VICTIMIZED!
I WILL USE ALL MY POWER TO END YOUR EVIL!!
IT WAS A LAUGHABLY WEAK ATTACK
COLOR ME EMBARRASSED

BUT THE SOURCE OF HER POWER WAS LIGHT. SHE HELD NOTHING BACK
WATCHING HER, IT OCCURRED TO ME...
...THAT KAL MUST HAVE FELT THE SAME WAY WHEN HE WAS FIGHTING ME. HE MUST HAVE LAUGHED AT HOW WEAK MY ATTACK WAS.

WASN'T THE POWER OF LIGHT SUPPOSED TO BE STRONGER THAN THAT REVEALED BY HER PUNY EFFORT?
WASN'T HE POWER UNLEASHED SUPPOSED TO BE TEN, TWENTY TIMES STRONGER THAN MINE?
WAIT A MINUTE!
POWER... POWER UNLEASHED?
THEN IT CAME TO ME...
HOW STUPID! WHAT IN THE BLAZES HAVE I BEEN THINKING ALL THIS TIME?
MY WHOLE LIFE, I'VE BEEN CAUGHT IN THE TRAP OF PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS.

ARE... ARE YOU SAYING...
YOU... YOU MEAN...?
EXACTLY, RETT
PUT OUT THE FIRE WITH WATER SINCE WATER IS FIRE'S NATURAL ENEMY. THIS IS WHAT COMMON SENSE TEACHES US
BUT IF WE ASK WHAT WATER'S NATURAL ENEMY IS, ISN'T THE ANSWER "FIRE"? A RAGING FIRE CAN TRANSFORM WATER INTO STEAM
HAHAHA...
I'D HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT THE REASON WHY I'M NO MATCH FOR KAL DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE SOURCE OR THE NATURE OF OUR RESPECTIVE POWER.
IT'S BECAUSE I'M WEAK, LAUGHABLY WEAK.
....!!
OF COURSE. THE NATURAL ENEMY OF DARKNESS IS LIGHT. A CHILD KNOWS THIS.
BUT THE REVERSE IS ALSO TRUE.

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